

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support of bill 5283, regarding ASTE funding in our state.

My daughter is benefiting greatly from her experience in the ASTE program at Rockville High School. She has gone from being a shy student who goes between both of her parents homes, one in district and one not, to an honor role student at RHS.

I have been absolutely impressed with the diverse education she can get at this program, the rigor it has, and I've seen the fantastic facilities the school has.

Any support that the state can give to increase enrollment and funding to the ASTE programs is a win win, and a perfect investment. My daughter happens to be a student whom struggled with the standard curriculum in earlier years, and also wasn't one most oriented to a technical high school. She has opportunities to grow and learn, and be engaged in school by way of the ASTE program. It has helped her feel more confident and successful.

I'm writing to ask you to please please support and fund our ASTE programs in Connecticut. It's my understanding that this bill will remove reimbursement barriers, and help funding concerns for ASTE programs, and based on that alone I implore that it be supported.

Thank you
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